AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the claims:

1-21. (cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for performing closed-captioning of an audio source, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an audio signal of an audio/video signal to a speech recognition module;

performing a speech recognition of said audio/video signal by extracting basic units of recognized speech and related time codes, each of the basic units corresponding to a sound in a word and each being related to at least one of the related time codes, and

incorporating text of said recognized speech of the audio signal as closed-captioning into a visual or non-visual portion of the audio/video signal in synchronization using an animation assistant.

23. (original) The method as claimed in claim 21 further comprising the step of providing an indication of an amount of successful replacement of the plurality of basic units of recognized speech of the audio signal by the plurality of basic units of recognized speech of the adapted audio signal.

24. (original) The method as claimed in claim 23, further comprising the step of providing a minimum amount required of successful replacement of the plurality of basic units of recognized speech of the audio signal by the plurality of basic units of recognized speech of the adapted audio signal, the method further comprising the step of canceling the providing of the at least one replaced plurality of basic units with related replaced time codes if the at least one replaced plurality of basic units is lower than the minimum amount required of successful replacement.

25-33. (cancelled)